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SUBJECT: OECD MINISTERIAL DATES

1. OECD SECRETARY GENERAL TOLD CHARGE ON FEBRUARY 12 THAT CANADIAN AMBASSADOR'S INFORMAL PROPOSAL TO HOLD OECD MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING IN MARCH TO LAUNCH THE SOLIDARITY FUND WITH MAXIMUM FANFARE REQUIRES IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.

2. WE DISCUSSED THREE POSSIBLE SCENARIOS:

A. FIRST WOULD BE TO HAVE THE OECD COUNCIL MEET AT FINANCE MINISTERS' LEVEL (A) TO LAUNCH SOLIDARITY FUND WITH MAXIMUM FANFARE AND (B) FOR DISCUSSION OF GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION AND OUTLOOK. VAN LENNEP SAID ADVANTAGES OF SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE TO GIVE MAXIMUM POLITICAL IMPETUS TO SOLIDARITY FUND AND CREATE A PRECEDENT FOR FINANCE MINISTERS' FORUM IN OECD, AN OBJECTIVE VAN LENNEP HAS LONG PURSUED. THIS SCENARIO, ACCORDING TO VAN LENNEP, WOULD PROBABLY MEAN THAT REGULAR JUNE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING WITH DIFFERENT CAST OF CHARACTERS WOULD BE FOCUSED MORE IMPORTANTLY ON ENERGY MATTERS. CHARGE OPINED THAT AT THIS STAGE WASHINGTON WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE OECD MINISTERIAL COUNCIL FOCUS ON ENERGY

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ISSUES, IN KEEPING WITH OUR STRONG PREFERENCE TO KEEP

MULTILATERAL DISCUSSION ON ENERGY CENTERED IN IEA, ALTHOUGH POSSIBILITY OF HAVING IEA MINISTERIAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING BACK TO BACK WITH OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING SHOULD BE KEPT OPEN. VAN LENNEP CONCEDED THIS POINT AND SUGGESTED IT MIGHT BE BEST SIMPLY NOT TO HOLD OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING IN JUNE.

B. THE SECOND SCENARIO WOULD BE TO ADVANCE THE REGULAR OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING TO MARCH WITH A BROAD AGENDA WHILE ASSURING THAT FINANCE MINISTERS ARE PRESENT IN EACH DELEGATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF SIGNING SOLIDARITY FUND AGREEMENT. UNDER THIS SCENARIO THE FORMAL LAUNCHING OF THE SOLIDARITY FUND WOULD NOT ONLY HAVE A POLITICAL PAYOFF IN TERMS OF THAT EXERCISE BUT MIGHT ALSO GIVE POLITICAL IMPETUS TO OECD ACTIVITIES ON A VARIETY OF NEW PROBLEMS WHICH ARE CLOSELY INTERRELATED. THE MINISTERS COULD STATE PUBLICLY A CONSENSUS ON THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OUTLOOK WHICH WOULD HAVE EMERGED BY THAT TIME FROM THE MEETING IN EARLY MARCH OF THE ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITTEE AND ITS WORKING PARTY 3 (WHICH ALAN GREENSPAN AND JACK BENNETT WILL ATTEND RESPECTIVELY). THEY COULD GIVE NEW DIRECTION TO MULTILATERAL EFFORTS ON THE COMMODITY FRONT FOLLOWING UP /UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSONS'S MEETING WITH THE RESTRICTED BUREAU OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL SESSION. (THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITSELF COULD BE SET TO MEET THE DAY BEFORE THE MINISTERIAL MEETING AND SERVE AS A USEFUL PREPARATORY FORUM FOR THE MINISTERIAL MEETING). AND THE MINISTERIAL MEETING COULD RENEW THE TRADE PLEDGE AS WELL AS POSSIBLY PROVIDING FOR INTENSIFIED COOPERATION ON INDUSTRIAL SECTOR PROBLEMS, A POTENTIALLY IMPORTANT SUPPLEMENT TO SHORING UP THE DEFENSES OF THE SYSTEM AGAINST BEGGAR-MY-NEIGHBOR POLICIES. FINALLY, THE MINISTERS MIGHT BY THAT TIME BE READY TO ENDORSE THE HIGH-LEVEL JAPANESE PROPOSAL FOR A LONGER-TERM LOOK AT THE POLICY ISSUES AND OPTIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL SOCIETIES -- A PROPOSAL WHICH WE EXPECT THEY WILL MAKE SHORTLY AT HIGH LEVELS TO OUR GOVERNMENT. IN SUCH A SCENARIO VAN LENNEP BELIEVES CONSIDERATION COULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO MOVES TO REEXAMINE AND REFORM THE OECD SUCH AS BY INTRODUCING MAJORITY VOTING IN A FEW

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PROCEDURAL AREAS OR BY LAUNCHING A WISE MAN'S STUDY OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH.

THE MAJOR PROBLEM WITH THIS SCENARIO, THE CHARGE SAID, IS THE SHORTNESS OF TIME FOR ADEQUATE PREPARATION, AS WELL AS THE PROBLEM IN FINDING DATES TO SUITE THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PRINCIPALS. VAN LENNEP SAID THAT IF WASHINGTON AND OTHER KEY CAPITALS COULD AGREE TO SUCH A MEETING BY MARCH 20 AND 21 (THE LATEST DATE BEFORE THE

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EUROPEAN EASTER VACATION ALTHOUGH HE SAID SUCH A MEETING
COULD BE HELD IN THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL) THE VARIOUS
HIGH-LEVEL COMMITTEES WHICH WILL BE MEETING BETWEEN NOW
AND THE END OF THE FIRST WEEK IN MARCH COULD FOCUS THEIR
DISCUSSION ON A SERIES OF ISSUES TO BE PRESENTED TO
MINISTERS.

A MINISTERIAL MEETING IN MARCH TO LAUNCH THE SOLIDARITY
FUND BUT TO PROCEED WITH THE ORIGINAL SCENARIO OF A
REGULAR OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING IN JUNE WHICH WOULD
COVER A VARIETY OF ISSUES, INCLUDING MOST OF THOSE
DISCUSSED ABOVE. THIS OPTION OF COURSE WOULD PROBABLY
PERMIT MORE HIGH LEVEL ATTENDANCE, WOULD ALLOW FOR MORE
CAREFUL PREPARATION OF THE ISSUES FOR MINISTERIAL DISCUSS-
ION BUT WOULD MEAN THAT THE SOLIDARITY FUND AGREEMENT
WOULD BE APPROVED AT SENIOR OFFICIAL LEVEL WITH MINIMUM
FANFARE.

3. A MAJOR CONSIDERATION OF COURSE, OF WHICH VAN LENNEP
IS AWARE AS ARE THE PERMREPS, IS THE RELATIONSHIP OF ANY
PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE. THE FIRST TWO SCENARIOS

COULD GIVE AN OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING A CONFRONTATIONAL
CAST PRIOR TO THE P/C MEETING. IT IS ALSO LIKELY THAT
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SOME OF THE ENERGY ISSUES, INCLUDING THOSE BEING WORKED
ON IN THE IEA, WOULD BE RAISED AT AN OECD MINISTERIAL
MEETING, EVEN IF AN IEA MINISTERIAL WERE CONVENED BACK
TO BACK WITH THE OECD MINISTERIAL.

4. IN SUM, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A SCENARIO UNDER WHICH
THERE WOULD BE A MINISTERIAL MEETING DURING THE FIRST
HALF OF THE YEAR TO DEAL WITH THE WHOLE RANGE OF ISSUES
FACING OECD. UNDER OPTION 1 THIS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE
SINCE FINANCE MINISTERS WOULD PROBABLY CONFINE THEIR
DISCUSSION TO RECYCLING AND A MACRO-ECONOMIC DISCUSSION
OF THE GENERAL SITUATION AND OUTLOOK. WE HAVE BEEN
INCREASINGLY IMPRESSED BY THE IMPORTANT FOREIGN ECONOMIC
POLICY PROBLEMS WITH WHICH THE OECD HAS BEEN SEIZED AND
THE INTERRELATED CHARACTER OF THE ISSUES WHICH WILL BE
TAKEN UP IN OUR VARIOUS HIGH LEVEL FORUMS. WE ARE SUB-
MITTING BY SEPARATE CABLE AN ACCOUNT OF SOME OF THESE
MEETINGS AND THE ISSUES THAT THEY WILL TAKE UP. OUR
CONCLUSION IS THAT WE MUST FIND SOME MEANS OF PROVIDING
AN INTEGRATED CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK TO ESTABLISH THE
SOLIDARITY OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED FREE-WORLD COUNTRIES TO
DEAL WITH THEM. WE THINK THIS SHOULD BE THE MAJOR US
OBJECTIVE FOR THE FORTHCOMING MINISTERIAL MEETING, AND
THIS WOULD ARGUE FOR GOING AHEAD ON SCHEDULE WITH THE
REGULAR JUNE MEETING TO COVER THE ENTIRE RANGE OF ISSUES.
WASHINGTON VIEWS ARE REQUESTED URGENTLY. THE NEXT DIS-
CUSSION OF THIS MATTER WILL BE HELD AT HEADS OF
DELEGATION MEETING FEBRUARY 14.
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